

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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Hampering by WTO in Solar Energy Projects

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether World Trade Organisation"s (WTO) recent ruling has hampered the solar energy projects in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the WTO as the ruling has dealt a blow to the solar manufacturing industry which was expected to employ a large number of semi-skilled labourers, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of investment made in solar energy sector in the country including Bundelkhand during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review the solar energy policy and set up a renewable regulatory commission with a view to encourage the Indian entrepreneurs to invest in new and renewable energy projects; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL , NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY & MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a): No, Madam. The ruling has not become effective yet.
- (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India has filed an appeal in WTO against its ruling.
- (c): State-wise total estimated investment in Solar energy power projects during last three years and current year assuming an investment of Rs. 6 crore per MW are given in Annexure.
- (d) and (e): Government has already reviewed the Solar Energy target for grid connected solar power installed capacity and revised to 100 GW by 2022. Regulatory Commissions like Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and State Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) already exist and cover solar power also.
